

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 83

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Robin Epps upon being named Hamblen County Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Robin Epps is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Epps has recently been selected as the Hamblen County Middle School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being recognized as one of the best educators in Hamblen County, Robin Epps was previously named Lincoln Heights Middle School Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Robin Epps is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a truly capable educator, Ms. Moore has skillfully taught school for twenty-four years at Lincoln Heights Middle School, where she teaches personal computing and keyboarding to students in grades six through eight; and

WHEREAS, she holds a Master of Science degree in elementary education from East Tennessee State University, a Bachelor of Science degree in business education from the University of Tennessee, and an associate's degree from Walters State Community College; and

WHEREAS, an active and important member of her profession and community, Robin Epps is a team leader for the related arts department, an Intel Computer workshop trainer, a Component One Chair for the school improvement plan, a school advisory and leadership team member, a new teacher mentor, a student teacher supervisor, and is the sponsor of the Junior Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary tenure at Lincoln Heights Middle School, she has conducted Thoughtful Classroom Training for the Lincoln Heights Middle School faculty and serves as the UTrust Appreciation Team Advisor; additionally, this remarkable educator publishes the monthly school newsletter and calendar of events, and she is a Sunshine Committee Department representative; and

WHEREAS, this innovative and inspiring leader in education has shared her vast knowledge and sage insights with her fellow educators in a variety of capacities; Ms. Epps has participated in the Hamblen County Teaching/Industry Externship Program, and she has been published in *The Mailbox* teacher magazine; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moore has also distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order by lending her time and tremendous talents to numerous noteworthy causes, including the Courage for Corey campaign, the Noah's ARC animal rescue project, ALPS Adult Day Care project, YES snack project, Daily Bread Food on Foot project, Operation Christmas Child project, Pennies for Patients, Red Cross tray favor project, Relay for Life, and she is the annual motivational speaker for the Eighth-Grade Girls Tea Party; and

WHEREAS, Robin Epps truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Epps epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Robin Epps on her selection as the

Hamblen County Middle School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.